(c) what is the rationale of these imports; even if in from of donations, when our own milk production is sufficient; and

(d) what is the impact of these imports on domestic milk prices received by the milk producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The European Community has provided, till date 60,000 of SMP and 10,000MT of Butter/Butter Oil as food aid and Cash grant of ECU five million to NDDB as part of assistance to operation flood III. The gifted commodities and cash aid will generate about Rs. 222.70 crore. By March 1993 approximately Rs. 147.60 crore were generated by the sale of commodities of which around Rs. 79.0 crore have been spent. The balance EEC funds are not likely to be spent by June 1994, the completion date of the project. At the request of NDDB the EEC has agreed in principle to extend the project till March—1996.

(c) NDDB has refused any commodity assistance from EEC during 1993 in view of adequate production of milk and milk products in the country.

(d) Import of commodities have not affected the domestic price of milk received by the milk producers. The prices paid by the cooperatives to the producers members in the last two years has registered an increase of 16 per cent.

Lifting of Milk by NDDB

3340. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that National Dairy Development Board is not able to lift all the milk produced in the areas covered by its Operation Flood I, II and III;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the quantity produced in these areas and quantity purchased by NDDB for the past three years;

(c) what is the rationale of NDDB's continued import of European Community donated milk products; and

(d) what are the details of these imports in terms of quantity and value over the past three years and those finalised for the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No separate data of actual milk production in the areas of Operation Flood programme is available. The National Dairy Board (NDDB) does not procure any milk directly. However, the dairy cooperatives organised under Operation Flood III proyramme procured on an average the following quantities of milk during the past three years.

Year	Quantity (lakh litres/day)
1990-91	97.02
1991-92	93.66
1992-93	105.28

(c) NDDB receives EEC donated milk products as a part of the project funding agreed upon between the EEC and Govt. of India. NDDB has refused any commodity assistance from EEC during 1993 in view of adequate domestic production of milk and milk products in the country.

(d) NDDB has received 11994 MT of SMP valued at Rs. 55.17 crores during 1990-91 to 1992-93 from EEC under OF-III programme, Requirement of dairy commodities beyond 1993 would depend upon the supply-demand situation of milk and milk products, prevailing that period.